

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 847

By Herron

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Amber Nicole Becton,
2002 Valedictorian of Union City High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Amber Nicole Becton is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2002 graduating class at Union City High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Ms. Becton has achieved outstanding academic success, and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, she has earned an exemplary grade point average; and

WHEREAS, due to her outstanding commitment to academic excellence, Ms. Becton has earned numerous honors and awards, including the Academic Top Ten, the First Honor Roll, Third Place in Bradford Regional English Competition, the Daughters of the American Revolution History Award, the Daughters of the American Colonists History Award, the Kiwanis Club Student of the Year Award and the Presidential Award for Academic Excellence; and

WHEREAS, she also received the distinguished honor of being nominated to the National Youth Leadership Conference and the National Youth Leadership Forum on Law; and

WHEREAS, a multi-talented individual, Ms. Becton possesses tremendous athletic ability; she has been a valuable member of her school's Softball and Freshman Basketball teams; and

WHEREAS, an active member of the student body, Ms. Becton has participated in numerous scholastic organizations, including the Spanish Club, the National Beta Club, DECA, the Pep Club, the Drama Club, the Art Club, the Lifesmarts team and the Junior Civitan Club; and

WHEREAS, highly respected as a leader among her peers, Ms. Becton has served on the Student Government, was included in *Who's Who* and served with the Obion County Youth Leadership; and

WHEREAS, in addition to these achievements, Ms. Becton attended the Governor's School for the Humanities and Commonwealth Academy and was named "Most Intellectual" by her fellow Seniors; and

WHEREAS, a young lady of impeccable character, Amber Nicole Becton is a member of the Second Baptist Church in Union City; and

WHEREAS, dedicated to her community, Ms. Becton lends her remarkable talents to numerous civic organizations, including Habitat for Humanity; and

WHEREAS, Amber Nicole Becton's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, her achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Jason and Kim Becton, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Becton's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

CONCURRING, That we hereby commend and honor 2002 Union City High School Valedictorian, Amber Nicole Becton, on her impressive academic achievement, and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.